

**Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)
Emergency Operations Center
Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 9:00 a.m.**

The IDHS Emergency Operations Center remains activated at a Level 3 and will remain activated 24 hours to monitor conditions and provide resource support to local county emergency agencies.

Description of Incident

The remnants of Hurricane Ike have accelerated rapidly and moved out Indiana. As much as 10 inches of rain has fallen and widespread flooding is being reported across northwest Indiana. Damage from straight line winds has been reported in numerous counties across central and southern parts of the State. Widespread reports of trees and power lines down have also been received.

Current Situation

No significant rain is forecasted for the next couple days. Flooding continues to be an issue through the affected counties.

A flood warning is still in effect for St. Joseph and LaPorte counties until 6:00 p.m. tonight.

The dam at Lake Dalecarlia in Lowell, Indiana in Lake County continues to hold and water is receding below the roadway. Local fire department personnel continue on scene to monitor the situation.

Flooding of sections of Interstate 80/94 (from IL state line through Lake County) continues to be a priority. Crews and pumps are working around the clock.

The combined DNR/Incident Management Team deployed to the Lake County EOC continues to support operations with the Indiana National Guard, INDOT, and American Red Cross for sandbagging, evacuation and sheltering in Lake and Porter Counties. Indiana Department of Environmental Management will provide a team to evaluate oil/fuel production fields for soil and water contamination. Location prioritization assessment will begin for damage assessment teams that may arrive later in the week.

Boil orders continue for Scott, Floyd, Brown and St Joseph counties. Power outages in southern counties have created water production shortages. Finding additional generator sources for water facilities and fuel re-supply, as well as providing drinking water resources are of top priority. Harrison and Crawford Co have little water pressure due to power outages and will be receiving additional water.

Engaged in Response Operations

- **INDOT: 115; supporting highway restoration, traffic control and resource transportation in Porter, Jasper and Lake counties and the State EOC**
- **Indiana National Guard: 177 soldiers and equipment in lake, LaPorte, Porter, Tippecanoe and Floyd counties in the State EOC.**
- **ISP: 1 with Incident Management Team (IMAT), 1 in State EOC with manpower reduced to normal operations, but remain available for support as needed.**
- **Indiana Task Force 1: 1 (one)**
- **DNR: 4 with IMAT, 10 officers on stand-by for rescue operations in Lake county, 40 daylight saw crews/equipment in Crawford, Washington and Floyd counties and State EOC**

- IDHS: **10 + dispatch in State EOC, 2 with IMAT**
- The Indiana Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives will be staffing the toll free number for Northern Indiana residents to report flood damage.
- FEMA
- American Red Cross
- **Board of Animal Health – monitoring food safety issues relating to power outage at meat packing plant in Corydon**

Summary

- INDOT has transported 40,000 sandbags and more than 96,000 pounds of sand to Porter, LaPorte and Lake Counties in support of local sandbagging operations.
- **INDOT has approximately 100 personnel, trucks and barricades located throughout Lake, Porter and Jasper counties; primarily assisting in keeping traffic off I-80/I-94 and I-65.**
- IDHS, INDOT, DNR, ISP and Indiana National Guard have deployed to Lake County.
- Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission reports **104,681** customers are still without power statewide. Service is expected to be restored within the next 7 days.
- **16,000 without phone service in affected areas.**

Public Health and Medical:

Confirmed injuries: 19

Confirmed fatalities: 7

- Clark (1), Crawford (1), Ohio (1), Perry (1), Porter (2), Ripley (1)

Special Needs Facilities:

- Extended care facility in Munster (Lake County) evacuated to other facilities (170+ persons)
- Floyd Hospital on generator
- Perry County Nursing home on generator
- Anderson Hospital on generator for limited time
- St. Margaret Mercy Hospital sandbagged but not evacuated – water receding

Flood Control:

Levee Status:

Failures: Levee near Kennedy Avenue - Hammond (Lake)

Overtopped: Little Calumet Levee - Munster (Lake)

Overtopped: Levee located at 400W (Jasper Co)

Topped: Hart Ditch Levee - Dyer (Lake)

Dam Status:

Overtopped: Lake George Dam - Hobart (Lake)

Overtopped: Lake Dalecarlia – Lowell (Lake)

Overtopped means water is going over the structure. Topped means water is level with the height of the structure but is not yet pushing water over the top of the structure.

River, Stream, and Lake Conditions:

Major Flood Stage:

Kankakee River at Shelby – Lake County

Moderate Flood Stage:

Little Calumet River at Hammond – Lake County

Flood Stage:

St. Joseph River – St. Joseph County

Environmental Hazards:

Downed power lines, storm debris, fallen trees and high water continue to be a threat to the public and response personnel.

Shelters:

Lake County:

Munster High School - **40**

Calumet Township Multipurpose Center – Gary - **25**

Boys and Girls Club of Lake Station - Lake Station - **125**

Total Reported Shelter Population: **190**

Counties Status

These counties have declared a state of emergency:

Crawford-Evaluating

Jasper

Jefferson

Harrison

Lake

Martin

Perry

Porter

River Monitoring

Various rivers and bodies of water are of concern. To monitor as information comes in, go to:

www.weather.gov/ahps

Road Closures

See attached PDF's

Public Safety and Security

Indiana Public Safety Commission reports 19 SAFE-T sites on generator and 3 with site trunking

Jail on backup power – Madison County

Hobart Police Department flooded (Lake County)

Anderson (Madison County) EMS Repeater down for limited time

Jennings County EMA office has been damaged and deemed unsafe by local officials